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SUBJ: MAJ GEN RUSTAN SUPARDJO NAMED GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL JAVA

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1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS DECEMBER 3, GOI HAS APPOINTED MAJ GEN RUSTAM SUPARDJO AS PROVISIONAL GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL JAVA IN PLACE OF MAJ GEN MUNADI WHO HAD HELD THE OFFICE SINCE 1966. GEN SUPARDJO HAS BEEN THE GOI'S AMBASSADOR TO MALAYSIA SINCE 1972.

2. SUPARDJO'S PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT WILL TAKE EFFECT DECEMBER 28 AND HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE INSTALLED AS FYLL GOVERNOR FOLLOWING PROCESS OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT REQUIRED BY LAW ON GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS.

3. THE 48-YEAR OLD SUPARDJO IS AN EXCEPTIONALLY COMPETENT AND ENERGETIC SOLDIER DIPLOMAT WITH CLOSE TIES O THE ARMY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS LEADERSHIP. BORN IN BANJUMAS, EAST JAVA, IN 1926, HE BEGAN HIS PROFESSIONAL MILITARY CAREER IN 1945 AS AN AIDE TO THE FABLED GENERAL SUDIRMAN, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHO WAS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE INDONESIAN ARMY DURING

THE REVOLUTION. SUPARDJO ATTENDED AN INFANTRY OFFICER'S COURSE AT FORT BENNING IN 1951, AND SINCE 1952 HE HAS HELD DEFENSE ATTACHE POSTS IN THE NETHERLANDS AND MALAYSIA. HE HAS ALSO BEEN ASSIGNED AS A STAFF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. FROM 1966 TO 1971 SUPARDJO SERVED WITH DISTINCTION AS CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN DEPARTMENT'S ASIA AND PACIFIC DIRECTORATE. BEFORE HIS MOST RECENT ASSIGNMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO MALAYSIA IN 1972, HE WAS AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA FOR TWO YEARS.

4. COMMENT: SUPARDJO HAS HAD NO EXPERIENCE IN DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION, BUT HE HAS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AND APPEARS TO BE A GOOD CHOICE FOR THIS DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT. FOR FURTHER BIO DATA ON SUPARDJO, SEE REFAIR. TOUSSAINT

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